

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.111  
Attorney Docket No. 030770  
Application No. 10/606,219

### **REMARKS**

Claims 16-19 are pending in the present application. Claims 10-15 are herein cancelled.  
Claims 16-19 are newly added. No new matter has been presented.

### **Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 10-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Walsh** (US 5,952,943) in view of **Itokawa** (US 7,072,404); and claims 14 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Walsh** in view of **Itokawa**, and further in view of **Vetro** (US 6,519,288).

In the present invention as recited in new claims 16 and 17, when it is determined that the decoding process has not been completed, the decoder is set in the low image quality mode. Neither Walsh nor Itokawa teaches or suggests the determination of whether or not the decoding process in the high image quality mode has been completed and setting the low image quality mode in the decoder.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 16-19 are patentable over the cited references. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,  
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